

## **Belmont Housing Trust Minutes for 12/17/09**

**In Attendance**—Judie Feins, Gloria Leipzig, Jonathan Jacoby, Alisa Gardner-Todreas, Charles Laverty

**Minutes**—The minutes for November 19, 2009, were approved

**Massachusetts Housing Partnership Grant**—The draft Memorandum of Understanding, dated December 8, 2009, to form an affordable housing collaborative (“MetroWest Community Developers”) was discussed in advance of the next meeting on December 18, 2009. Ann Silverman and Alisa Gardner-Todreas have been nominated as the Trust’s representatives on the new board. The questions raised and comments made included:

- What will be the selection criteria for development?
  - Who will decide and on what basis?
  - Can we ask to find potential developments in each town; we’d like to see on-going “prospecting” for development projects
  - When is the MOU going to be signed?
  - We’d like clarification about the budget.
  - There will be another meeting in January.

**CPA (Community Preservation Act) Campaign for Belmont**—Judie, long with others, is organizing a meeting for January 10, 2010, with the purpose of forming a steering committee for a CPA campaign. They plan to invite 30 - 40 people from the organizations interested in passing the CPA for Belmont, aiming for the November, 2010, election. She asked for help in making phone calls.

**Other Business**—There was a brief discussion of sending the Housing Trust minutes to the League of Women Voters as a way of keeping them informed of the Trust’s activities.

Jonathan offered to prepare an inventory of the archival material he has organized leading to a discussion sometime in the coming months of how this material is to be handled.

Submitted by Jonathan Jacoby